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SUBJ: B.C. TO PARTICIPATE IN SPOKANE'S EXPO 74

1. ON AUGUST 9, 1973 THE B.C. MINISTER OF TRADE GARY LAUK ANNOUNCED THAT B.C. IS PREPARED TO SPEND FROM DOLLARS 300,000 TO DOLLARS 1 MILLION FOR A PAVILION AT EXPO 74 IN SPOKANE.
2. MINISTRY INFORMATION OFFICER AND EXPO 74 REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CONFIRMED TO CONGEN THAT B.C. REPS WILL MEET SENIOR EXPO OFFICERS IN SPOKANE ON MONDAY AUGUST 13, TO WORK OUT DETAILS. MINISTRY ALSO SAID MESSAGES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALBERTA, MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN URGING THOSE PROVINCES TO PARTICIPATE EITHER SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY WITH B.C.
3. PRESS REPORTS THAT MINISTER LAUK SENT TELEGRAM TO FEDERAL MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CRITICIZING OTTAWA'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW STATING: QUOTE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ABDICATED ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO WESTERN CANADA BECAUSE A FEDERAL PAVILION WOULD HAVE SPIN-OFF BENEFITS IN TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WEST. THE FAIR'S THEME IS ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION AND B.C.'S PAVILION WILL REFLECT THIS. UNQUOTE
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